

Charter School Enrollment and Lottery Procedures


Pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-13-113, if a charter school is over capacity after the application period, then the charter school will initiate an enrollment and lottery preference process.

Prior to a lottery:

- Charter school operators **shall** enroll pupils in attendance in the previous school year at the existing public charter school.
- Charter school operators **may** enroll children of a teacher, sponsor or member of the governing body of the charter school, not to exceed ten percent (10%) of total enrollment or twenty-five (25) students, whichever is less.

Lottery Preferences

If the number of applications exceeds the planned capacity of a charter school program, class, grade level, or building, students will be selected randomly by lottery giving preferences in the following order:

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1. Students enrolled in a pre-K program operated by the charter school sponsor
 2. Students enrolled in a charter school that has an articulation agreement with the enrolling public charter school
 3. Siblings of students already enrolled in the public charter school
 4. Students from groups set forth in T.C.A. 49-13-106(b)(1)(C) if the public charter school has been approved with the focus of serving such students
 5. Students residing within the LEA service area in which the public charter school is located who were enrolled in another public school during the previous school year
 6. Students residing outside the LEA service area in which the public charter school is located and who were attending a public school during the previous school year